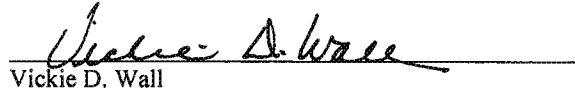


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When reviewing our Deposit Account Statement (no. 03-1728) for October 2007, we noted a charge for the above-referenced patent application as follows:

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It appears that we were erroneously charged \$10.00 for "extension for response within second month." The amendment with a two month extension of time was filed by first class mail, with a Certificate of Mailing, on September 28, 2007. The \$450.00 fee for the two-month extension was paid at that time. The new fees (\$460.00) did not become effective until September 30, 2007, and therefore the additional \$10.00 charge was in error.

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Applicant hereby requests that a refund of the additional fee for the two month extension of time be credited to our **Deposit Account No. 03-1728**.

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